

Journal for  
Jens F. Mortensen  
Salina Sevier Co  
on his Mission to  
Minnesota. Called by  
a Letter from John Taylor  
at that President for  
the Twelve Apostles of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints. and after  
by a General Move in the  
Conference assembled on April  
7<sup>th</sup> 1880

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I Jens F. Montensen

was moved upon by the Spirit  
of God to Preach the Gospel. and to  
Prepare for it I went St George to  
go through the Temple. to have the  
2 Oldest of my Children <sup>separated</sup> adopted to  
me. and to administer in Temple for  
some of my Dead Friends and Relatives.  
We had a hard trip in the winter  
but had good Luck. and had it  
Satisfactorily attended to too.

and when I came Home there was  
a Letter to me from John Taylor  
President for the Twelve Apostles of  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints. that I was called  
to Go to the United States to Preach the  
Gospel. which required me to give  
a midiat answer.

I wrote following answer

I am willing to go according to call  
but I would sooner go to Denmark  
to Relatives and Friends and get Genealogies

Prelations. my Nephew N. E. Nielson gave me \$5.00 to help me out. The 4th I left my friends in Moroni. Andrew Jensen Lath took me with Br Weley and Family to Tountain Green. where I visited the meeting in the afternoon and was called upon to Preach had Long Conversation with my Aunt H. Heiselt in the Evening and Stopped with my Cousin H. Heiselt and him and Jensen. Lath took me and Weleys to the Depot at Keipton the 5th.

I met with Brothers Lind & Erickson from Mt Pleasant ~~Mo.~~ coming from Minnesota and gave me some information and Brother Nielsen and Hansens address in Linden Parow.

I then took the Cars for Salt Lake City and Stopped at Thomas Jones and attended Conference the next Day April 6th and was highly edified

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and instructed. by hearing the Twelve Apostles Speech. and as it was the year of Jubili. there was spoken about helping the poor. and indebtens to. P. E. fund was given after to a Great Extent and Thithing the same and the Rich Brethren was Counsel to Give their Notes Back to their Poor Brethren and 1000 Cows and 5000 Sheep was given to the poor and the General M. L. Society voted to Lend their wheat to Law for the Poor

there was good many Missionarys called to go on missions on the 9th we was set apart for our Missions. by the Twelve apostles some of them. Brother Joseph Young pronounced the Blessing on my Head. the next Day I got Books at the Juvenile Institute Office. had my appointment confirmed by J. D. Richards. and started the same Day for Farmington. with H. Jensen with me Stopped with his Uncle and was well



I then recieved the following  
Your Letter recieved. the Following ans.  
I am required to tel You that You  
as requested to fit out for a Mission  
to Minnisota but after Laboring  
ther a year or so You can have the  
Privilege to finish Your Mission in  
Danmark to get Your Genealogys and  
so on

I then mad Preparations and sold  
the Best Span of Horses. and some  
Stock to raise money. to Travel  
for. and the Young Ladies made  
up a Dance for Hymum Jensen and me  
who at the same time was called to  
go on Mission. and \$3.50. Cent for  
fare on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1880 I was  
ready to start. but had to go through  
Sanpet to Deliver my Horses.

I Bade Farewell to my Wife and  
Children and left them in Car of  
that is the Protector for the Widow and  
the Father for the Fatherless.

and Depending on God my heavenly  
To help them in need I left Town  
with the Horses. Brother John Andersen  
was to bring my Cloths along to Mantu  
and as I had to wait for him after I  
got out of Town. I Looked back on  
the Town. where I for several years  
back had. gone through a good deal  
of Hardship. and spent many hap-  
py Days. with my Family and good  
many Thoughts crossed my mind as I  
had never before being called to  
Leave my Family for any Length of  
Time. I had some Trouble with the  
Horses. and went around by Gunnison  
where Br Andersen stoped for the Night  
and I stoped in Mayfield. and went to  
Mantu on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and settled up with  
Brother Christensen about the Wagon  
and arranged with Hans Jensen to Mo-  
roni. on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I got my money  
and started for Moroni. after that  
I bid Goodbye to my Sister and.



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intertained. Sunday on the 11. we went to Meeting. and I. was called upon to Preach to Large assembly. I Stopped to the 13 took the Cars to Ogden. and with 39 more Missionarys Started for Omaha we joined ourself well on the Train myself and Brothers W. Palmer & Nelson Jensen Stopped in Council Bluffs for the Night. and on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> Started for Sioux City Stopped at Br Gills and at 10 a Clock in Evening Started for Maudelia arrived there at 6. a. m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Started for Linden on Foot Stopped and had Breakfast with a Chorus named Martin had a Conversation about the Gospel. arrived at Linden at night and Found Brother Larsen from Moroni to Bro Hansens. I had seen his Family Moroni hence the Meeting was interesting Sunday 18. we had Public Meeting Br. Hansens and we partook of the Sacrament and we Stopped at Brother Hansens on Monday.

April

on Tuesday 20 me and Brother Jensen went Loh Crystal and Bought some Cloths went back again with Bro Hansen on Wednesday 21. we went out to Preach came to several Places where the People did not about hearing us Come to Ole So <sup>in Butterworth</sup> rensen whose Wife was a Mormon. had dinner and got into a Long Conversation with a Lutheran Mr Petersen. on Religion I proved to him out of Bible the Mormon Doctrine we came to Lars Nielsen in Linden the same Night and found. Brothers M. Andersen and N. C. Tenney. Miss Mathilda was very Sick we administered to her and agreed to Fast the next Day I had a Talk with Brother Tenney about Celestial Marriage T. 22. hold Council what to do and then administered to Mrs Nielsen. She got a Little better. B Tenney & Jensen Started for Watkinson Bridged to hold Meeting T. 23 <sup>Bro</sup> Andersen. I Started for Linden to hold Meeting. I Stopped to Bro Nielsen to help to take Car and administer to Tilda Nielsen S. 24.

April

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> held Meeting to Br Hansen  
ther was a good Spirit in the meeting  
• Some Strangers Present

M. 26 visited Mrs Halvorson Whos Daug.  
- Tet Sarah was a Latterday Saint had good  
Conversation about Baptism of Children  
and Polygami and so on. I told them that  
People was not to be Baptized unless the belie-  
ved and Repented. and that Polygami had  
always been among the People of God. the  
Woman Got to feel a Little better and  
allowed me to stop all night but  
in the Dusk Bros Andersen and Larsen  
Came in. and Mrs Halvorson Got mad  
and Left the House, and did not come  
back til Morning ther was some young  
Folks ther and I had a Pleasant time in  
Talking about the Gospel.

Mrs Halvorson Came back in the mor-  
- ning and she invitted me to Breakfast  
but told me she did not want me to Come  
again. I Told her: I did not Like that  
as I always rise to wher I Came

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to behave so that I could Come again  
She said that she had nothing against  
me what ever but did not Like monu-  
- nism. I then went to Linden wher  
I Stopped with the Saints to Sunday  
May 26<sup>th</sup> and had a Meeting with the Saints in  
the Forenoon ther was a good Spirit in Meeting  
Bros Andersen & Larsen present. one young  
Man was ther Br. Evans he got a good Testimony  
Tilda Nielsen was getting better

in the Afternoon we had Publick Meeting  
to Jesus Houscar some Strangers present and  
some opposition

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting to Lars Nielsen in the Evening  
I Ordained him to Priest

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Elders Andersen & Larsen Left for  
Monticella

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> went to Linden and Stopped to Mr  
- Hays Craft and then engaged Boundy Schoolhouse  
seen Mr Boundy & Fairbanks. the said the did  
not want me to Preach Polygami in thier School  
and went to Part man and Wife. I Told them  
we did not do that. and we Preached the Gospel of  
Christ



May 6 went and Stopped with Mr Spoon  
7. went back to Linden visited Halvorsen  
on the road he Cooked dinner for me and  
his Daughter Sister Mathilda Sorensen gave me  
2 Pair of Cotton Socks Stopped in Linden 2 Days  
Sunday 9 went with Bro Nielsen and had  
a Meeting. Sister Thilda Sorensen Singing  
the <sup>People</sup> seemed satisfied went back home  
with Bro Nielsen

Monday 10 went out to Preach Stopped with  
Mr Hughes the was very Religious. He  
wanted me to Pray with them and I Preach  
to them it was very rainy the next so I  
Stopped til after Dinner. He Charged me 50 Cents  
and as I had no Small Change I left the Voice  
of Warning and went to Lack Crystal  
Stopped on the Union House

He told me that this was some Latterday  
Saints or Mormons. I went to Mr Greene in  
the Post Office but was Josephite and opposed  
me very much. but a Little after took me to  
the House and introduced me to one of their  
12 Apostles Mr Campbell. he wanted to get  
up an Debate about Polygamy. as he said

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that Revelations never was given to Joseph Smith  
the Prophet. I told him that I could produce an  
affidavit in <sup>the</sup> ~~Norw~~ Expositor. from William  
Law. he said that Joseph S. said that W Law  
Lied. I Thought he did but Joseph got the Revela-  
tion notwithstanding. he fort many Passages  
but in the Book of Mormon, and Doctrin Cove-  
nant Failed to Produce anything to hinder God  
from Given the Revelation.

I then asked the Privilege to ask him a few Questions. he said I might. I asked as follows

You said Your Church was reorganized in  
1860. when was it, when the Latterday Saints  
had Left Nauvoo and the Mob fell upon the  
Poor and helpless and drove them across the River  
Was You among the Saints or the Mob

he said the was in the Country around and had  
found Grace and was Counted to be good honest  
People. I told him that if Mob and those  
who had imbrued their hands in the Blood of  
the Prophets and the innocent was to who  
ther was good Latterday Saints. I Thought the Saviour  
words was fulfilld on them when he said



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wo. onto you when Everybody Speaks well  
of you, for the did that in the Days of Old  
of the False Prophets. I went to Linden this am  
Saturday 15 Left Linden Stopped at Jensen  
Sunday 16 had Meeting in the Schoolhouse  
Spoke both English and Danish Stopped at  
Nielsen. where there had been a meeting there  
was good many People and their Testimonies  
to them Monday 17. Left for Grapeland  
Rode the most of the way to Hankato and  
Came to Mr Hawkins in Bellevue was well  
interlained. he invited me to come back and  
Preach in their Schoolhouse  
on the 18. I called at Mr Gilmors and got  
to Grapeland the same Evening to St. Tenney  
I found Brothers Tenney + Jensen and went  
in Company with them the Next Day to  
Visit John Gofe Brother in law to Tenney  
on the 22 of May Brother Tenney Baptized a  
St. Tenney Wife Mary Elisabeth Born Aug 7  
1834. and I Confirmed her and Blessed  
Elisa Emma Tenney Born Feb 25 - 1847  
23 Blessed Josephine Minerva Tenney July 4 - 1873

May

Sunday 23 Stopped at John Gofe in forenoon  
Meeting in Grapeland Schoolhouse in the afternoon  
the following was written on the Blackboard  
Apostles from Salt Lake around Grapeland to  
make Proselytes at \$40 per Head. the ar  
Partakers in the Mountain Meadow Massacre  
the Call themselves Elders. When they ought to be  
called outlaws. Nathan Tenney's Band  
Notwithstanding the above writings I  
was called upon to appear their Sunday School  
with Prayer. in Discourse I made some remarks  
on the existing Prejudice against us  
we Partook of the Sacrament in the Evening  
Monday 24. Started for Albert Lea  
Stopped for the Night at Mr Wells 3 mil  
below Wells we came to Albert Lea on  
the 25 in the afternoon we found a Danish  
Boardinghouse. where I found good manna  
there was acquainted with my relatives  
from Denmark. and had a Pleasant Time  
went to Bed about 9 o'clock but 2 hours  
later the House was surrounded by a mob  
the News 2 Mormon Elders had come to

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Town. had roused the whole Scandinavian Population. Notwithstanding that there was 8 Different Churches in Town

When we awoke there was 10 or 12 Persons in room and Demanded us to Come Down forthwith as they wanted to see me.

I told that was Tired and Sleepy but would be happy to wait on them in the morning: They said that they were Working Men. and had no Time through the Day I told them in Order to Oblige them we would wait til Evening:

They said they were 500 Scandinavians and they were all united that they would not hear us: I told them that they need not hear us unless they Wanted. and I tried to Explain to them the impropriety of Comming this Time of Night to Disturb Strangers in a Boarding house. We could hear the Ryls from underneath Down with them Down with them: if they are the Servants of God let them Try whether they can protect them or not

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I felt all the Time that God would Protect us. after a Little the Proprietor.

Christian Pedersen <sup>came</sup> and Told them to go Down which they also did. I had nearly fall to Sleep again when the Lady came up and Told us that they <sup>was</sup> not Satisfied and wanted us to Come Down and Talk to them: She said there was not Police enough in Town to keep Order. we then Dressed ourself and went Down to Talk with them and one Paul Jensen. <sup>the hired girl was in a fearful fright</sup> they had once been in Utah and some more came in. he Commenced by finding Fault with the Latter day Saints and their Children. I Told him the <sup>the</sup> Saints in Utah was the best People on the Face of the whole Earth. after some Conversation I told <sup>them</sup> that about 2 year ago. there was about 16 Persons <sup>from here</sup> slept in my House all Night and never was Disturbed. he said he was one of them. and he did not like this. I found after I came back again that a Clerk in Sully Store <sup>by name Claus</sup> was the Cause of it. we were very Thankful to God for Delivering us out of their hands

May

26 Left Albert Lea early in the Morning and found one Emigrant Woman with 4 Children whose Mother + Aunt + Grand. Mother I had Baptized into the Church in Denmark. was very Poor but was Glad to see us. we Stopped for the Night with C. Chris Engen  
27 Engaged Ward School house 8 Miles North of Albert Lea. Gave out in Seed

Stopped with S. Nielsen ~~Hansen~~ for the Night  
28 visited some Danish. Stopped with P. P. Frost. him and Family was very Friendly but belong to the Baptist Church a member of the same Church Ole Sindal came in the Morning. he said he know Mormonish men was False: I asked him how he did know as he did not believe in New Revelation and if it was in the Bible I wish he would show it to me: he said then he believed it was I then visited and old Friend P. N. Foldsted and Stopped at Night at Niels Madsen  
Sunday 30 had Meeting in the Forenoon with some Freeborn Americans. was opposed by Hans Nielsen but he left ashamed

June

Then visited Frost and Stopped for the Night at Jens Nielsen. a Baptist  
May 31. Tried to get meeting but Failed wrote a Letter home. Stopped at Sørensen's  
June 1<sup>st</sup> went to Steel Co Dined at Steel Quilbar. Stopped at Night with Methodists. had Meeting in aged in their Schoolhouse and went around to invite  
Was on 2 had the meeting at 4 p. m. Spoke to the School Children first and then more came in so we had a Long Meeting and left a good impression  
Stopped at Night at Steel Quilbar  
June 3 Dined at Olsens had a very good Conversation the was Baptist but not Bigotted. Stopped at Night Steffensen's Lemon.  
June 4 visited some Danish Stopped N. Andersen's  
5 Appointed meeting at Jens Hansen's but the Rain Prevented so went to the 7 Days School and had meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> even was well attended and gave a good Testimony Stopped P. Nielsen



June

8 went to New Prichland

9 to Wisconsin Stopped at Mr Halls

10 appointed meeting in Flowers School

Dined Hacks Stopped at Johnsons

11 invited to meeting Stopped Foulness

12 Dined Flowers Stopped at Tailors

13 Visited the Sunday School at one p.m.  
and had a good meeting at 2

Bro Jensen came back from Grapeland  
Stopped John Forbes.

14 Went to Minnesota Lack Stopped with  
a and O. O. Methodist Preacher he said  
he did not want to hear us but could not  
let alone asking. Charged us \$1.00

15 went to Grape Land to A. Jensen. and  
had our Cloths Waxed Stopped 2 Days

16 went to Chapleton Stopped at Gilmores

18 went to Belwin Stopped Smith Hills  
Jensen Stopped at Hawkins When  
he Stopped and Worked the next Day

19 invited to Meeting had a Long Talk  
with a Catholic Stopped at Hawkins

Meeting June  
Sunday 20 went to Methodist in the  
Forenoon. the Minister Spoke about the Tithing  
but interpreted to Camp meetings etc.  
He said that Tithing meant Substance  
We had meeting at 2. p. m. and 7. p. m.  
well attended and good Spirit. Stopped Hacks

21 Dinner at Tyrol Stopped at  
Jones Dairy west of Mankato  
Let them have the Voice of Warning  
22 went through Lack Crystal to Watten-  
won Bridge Stopped at Early Bannas

I Preach the Visions of Joseph Smith  
he was not opposed and entertained us well  
23. went to the Trustees for the Schoolhouse  
went through the Baptist Settlement  
Stopped at Mr Spoons

24 visited Sister Halvorson  
and went to Linden to Bro Hansen  
Stopped 2 Days had good Time

June 26. Baptized and Confirmed  
H. Ludwig W. Hansen Born April 2 1866.

W. Lawrence A. Hansen Born 10<sup>th</sup> 1868.

June) July

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26 Lars Nelsen Bapt. I Confirmed

William E. Nelsen Jr June 21<sup>st</sup> 66

Artoe Co. January 21<sup>st</sup> 70

Ida E. Nelsen May 10<sup>th</sup> 68

Agnes E. ~ ~ ~ March 17 - 71

27 Sunday School in the Morning

Small Publick Meeting. p.m.

Meeting in the Evening of the Saints. 7 p.m.

28 Stopped in Linden

29 Visited Sister Halvorsen Stopped Hayfork

30 visited in Swedish Settlement Stopped Brasmussen

July 1 + 2 Stopped at Sam's Settlement Stopped to Johnson

3 went to Greenwood <sup>near the Bridge</sup> 2 Nights

help to make Ice Cream went to Pimlico

Sunday 4. went Gospelite Meeting

Meeting apt at 2 p.m. no attendance.

Stopped at Mr. Barnard's

5 July Dinner ~~Conversation~~ a long

Conversation Pread Joseph Smith's first Writ.

went to Madelia and Stopped for Night

6 went Furvilant was well

inter-tained appointed meeting for Sunday

July

July 7 went west Stopped at Olsens

in the <sup>evening</sup> Confessed to be Saint but

did not believe in Revelation

Stopped for the Night with a Swedish Family

Hard Storm in the Night

8 Visited some Swedish Lutherans

Dined at Christling Jacobsen

Stopped for the Night with a

Lutheran Norwegian. he had a German

Catholic Wife we had a interesting

Conversation he said I might come and

I went to Furvilant Plans <sup>hold meeting</sup>

10 helped to Plow Corn and Car Hay

11 Meeting at H. Furvilant at 10 a.m.

God Spirit had oppositio for Elling Flom

had English meeting at 2 p.m.

Good attendance. God Spirit no oppo

sition Mr. Duncin took me home

with him. inter-tained me well

12. Visited Mr. Peterson

Stopped at Ole Wilbogs Stopped

with him the next Day to Madelia

visited Sister H. went to Linden

July 1880

14 July Stopped in Linden a few Days  
Sunday 18 Sunday School in Forenoon to L. Nielsen  
Meeting to J. Hansen at 2 p.m. Some Strangers  
there was a Long Conversation after by H. Jensen  
Who defended No Ordination of Priesthood  
19 Stopped at Linden  
20 went to Linden to get the Hoolhouse for  
the next Sunday had a Hot opposition.  
Mrs Halvorson by and Ole Bachman about  
Polygamy the Old ask me kindly not to  
Come again seen Brandy in the Hayfield Stopped  
at Mr Spoon wrote with his Boy the next  
Day to Madelia went to Hans Juvilant  
Stopped a Couple Days and wrote Back with  
him to Madelia the 24 went to Linden  
the 25. myself & Louis Hansen & Willie  
and Tilda Nielsen went to Mrs Halvorson  
and Luis Halvorson took his Theam and took  
us and 10 more to Meeting. Mathilda Nelson  
was Singing. and by the Grace of God we had a  
very Good Meeting I did Read some in the  
Book of Mormon and some in the Pearl of  
Great Price and expounded the Sermon

July 25 1880

August

went Back to Linden the Same Evening  
Stopped and met Bro Nielsen in the Harriet  
August 1st had a Sunday School Forenoon  
Good Meeting in the Afternoon at L. Nielsen  
Sister Halvorson's Brothers and Mrs Larsen Present  
a good spirit manifest I hope some of them  
will receive the Gospel  
I Stopped the next week and met Bro Nielsen  
he paid me \$2.00 Dollars  
on the 8th Meeting to Jens Hansen  
a few Strangers Present went and got the Wagon  
Stopped in Linden that week <sup>arriving at</sup> ~~Staying~~ <sup>Staying</sup>  
Sunday 14 Sunday School at L. Nielsen's  
Prize in the Afternoon  
Monday 16 went to Charlotte Stopped at A. Jensen  
got some Butz and other Necessities and had  
my Linn's took and went to  
went to Methodist Prayer Meeting  
to give out my meeting for the next  
Night as the Trustees had already  
given Privilege. after the had been Singing  
and Praying I got the Privilege to Speak  
a few Words. the was very Prelios



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but none of them would intertain <sup>me</sup> for the night. the had forgotten the saying of St James be willing to intertain stranger as some have intertained Angels unaware but I suppose the would want the Angels to have wings. and did not expect to hear any Masage frome God. I Stopped with Mr Engleat who was in Salt Lake City in 1852 and gave the Latter Day Saints a good Testimony. the next Day I went to and Old Josen it. over 90 years Old I explained the gospel to him. and how the Ordianances was Admini-stered for the Dead he was very much Edified and Comforted. I then went to hold Meeting but the Methodist who had the kei. would not Give it up. withouth a writtten. Order from the Trustees and ther was none of them Man enough. to Give me one. ther was some Boys Present who would had Liked to hear me but as we could not get in the went home and I Stopped again with Mr Engleat who intertained me wel. he Told me of another School I Trived to get the neset Day but I did not

Great Peace

August

Succid. I went further East but After I had been to one of Trustees. who Give his Consent he Showed me wher the other was working with a Treashing Machin. he said he had no Objection to Religious meetings. and other very Religious Man Present. but when I told them that I was a Latter Day Saint the Objected and would meet with with their members if the could not prevent otherwise. I Told them that kind of Talk was unlabled for I then went to Winnelago Agency and road from ther to Bellevue and Stopped at Smith Hills he intertained me kindly but Going to his own Religion. and the next Day Sunday 22 August I held Meeting in Brown Schoolhouse 3 mile further South. Stopped that Night at Mr Ward the next I Stopped at Mr Gilmors for Dinner and road with his Wife and Boy to Chepleton She is Bishop Wilets Daughter from Brigham City I then went to Mr A. Tenney Grapland the Sam Brother A. C. Tenney was ther and had been in a Great Pain in his one knee for a Long time I administered to <sup>him</sup> by the Grace of God he got well





Setmber 14

Left Mr Kings in the Morning had Dinner at John Forbes went to Wells

15 Meeting in Wells Schoolhouse in Evening had a Good attendance. Stopped at the American House free of Charge had a Long Conversation with the Proprietor.

16 I then engaged the Town Hall and 2 Meetings the next Sunday. English 10. a. m. Danish 2. p. m. went the same Evening and Stopped with a Swedish man Mr. Andersson

17 visited the Danish North of Alden. Stopped at Mr. Hansens the next Day Stopped visited some more Danish

19 went through Freeborn and Stopped at a Norwegian. 20 went to Hartland Stopped at the next Day went to Sam Levens Hotel - Day Advents. and was to their meeting the next Day. Spoke to them about the immortality of the Soul. and about the Restoration of the Gospel by an Angel and that Eden was not made for the Sabbath. but Sabbath was made for Men Stopped that Night with N. C. Nielsen Baker

September

Sunday 26 went Baptist meeting the Minister took Job for his Text. I had a Short Conversation with him after Meeting went home with Lars Pedersen Bak.

27 went East of Albert Lea and visited some Danish 28 Meeting in their Schoolhouse was well entertained by two Old Friends

Anders Jensen and Thomas Korvust and Lindet

29 road a Long ways in a Buggy Dinner at Pilligrines. Stopped at Brown Dell with Hedegaard. had lost one Leg and was friendly

30 went one East and October 1<sup>st</sup> arrived Spring Valley Stopped at a Malasse Mill the next Day went to Town and back and Stopped at Hannah's Tenney.

Sunday October 3 held meeting in their School house in Connection with Brother N. C. Tenney. and as they had in their Sunday School Lessons about Abraham. I Spoke some in regard to Celestial Marriage which displeased some Methodist one Mr. Prosser took me 8 Mile on my way and gave me supper



October 4

went Through Filmore and Stopped that Night with Irish Catholic he was not very Religious but Liked to Talk about Politticks October 5 went through Elstonsboro. Dined with a Danish form Halbeck Wensgaard Stopped that Night with a Norwegian. 6 went through Petersen and Ruthlow and Stopped with Mr Petersen 5 mile on the other side his Wife was Norwegian. She told me of a sword <sup>morning</sup> ~~knave~~ but I did not go back the next day went to Houston Co. Stopped with German. had a Long Conversation in the Evening he Thought what Peter Cartwright had said was the Truth about the Mormons I Told him that it was not to Depend on as he had not given it out for the Truth as he said he throwed his Journal away. and Explained to him that Mormonism was True

8. The I went to La Grange Paid 16 Cents to Cross the Ferry. and took C. & N. W. Train to Chicago. and arrived in Chicago in the Morning on 9th went to Elwood in Well Co. the Same Evening found my Wifes Sister & Peter Steffensens Wife

Smart acquainted Bro Edvard October  
he sent me 7 Dollars I sent for 10 to pay him  
I Stopped there for about 16 Days  
only Paid visits to some of the Danish  
had 2 Meetings there with the Danish  
October 20 took Train for Chicago  
and then took Chicago North western for  
Ottawa and arrived there in the Morning  
of 21. Tried to get a Meeting there  
but was refused arrived at Lemon  
Steel Co. the Same Evening  
had Meeting in the Danish School house  
in the Evening on the next Sunday at  
10. p.m. went to the Lutheran Meeting  
at 2. p.m. and was invited to a Con-  
-versation with him the Priest in the Evening  
Slept in Bed with him in the Night  
he did not Like to be Convinced that Cate  
Baptizing was wrong. went to Berlin the  
next Day. Stopped at Olsen a Swedish Baptist  
November 1 went to Mrs Axel Switlow  
went Stopped with a Norwegian we went over  
in the Evening to his Brother to and had a  
Conversation about Gospel there was nanny  
together but the did not Like offend

November

their Priest by letting me have Public Meeting. November 2 visited some Danish Baptists went and stopped at Niels C. Nielsen where there was Prayer meeting.

November 3 Appointed meeting at Jysk Peter met Brother J. Jacobson on the Road and went and stopped at P. P. Frost. Clark's grave he was very friendly we helped him some with his house. went and engaged their School house. but the Postmaster objected I ask him the reason he told me we preach False Doctrine. I ask what he said we preach Baptism for Remission of sins. if had lived in Days of Peter he of course would have rejected him. Sunday Evening at 7 p. m. we had a good meeting at P.

one Monday the 8 wrote a letter to Lauritsen and Jens Glansen to send our clothes and went to Albert Lea. Came back to P. P. Frost. went the next day and dined at N. Madsen. he opposed in our Religion went the same evening hear Mr. Sumner he took the first Chapter of Evangelist John for his Text Stopped at American.

November 10

it was Prainig<sup>r</sup> we went and was well entertained with Mads Lunderhede and stayed for the night at Baptist near Bq. he was united with us in some of our Doctrines. the 11. we went through Geneva and stayed at an American Swam and Elder the 12. went Blumming Prairie and stayed N. Nielsen. he helped us to get the School house to Preach in the next Day for a Danish meeting he took us home from meeting and entertained us well. in the evening Good many Strangers came in. one commenced to put Questions to make oath that we had Broken Oath by Leaving the Lutheran Church but soon got Confounded Sunday 14. had Danish meeting at 2 p. m. and English at 7 p. m. had opposition from some Catholics. was well entertained with Soren Pedersen had a good Talk with him in the morning and I left the Voice of Warning 15 went through a Bochimian Settlement and stayed with an American W<sup>d</sup> Woman. She entertained us well but was not Religious 16 Stopped for Dinner at Mads Lunderhede



Node 17 Clarks Grove

Left Lars Jensen Back. he was Baptist  
and we had Long Conversation about God  
being a Personal Being he even went as far  
as to Denie the Body of Christ after his  
Asention. J. Joirend Br. Galabson at P. Frost  
we went to the Post Office and Stopped at  
John Petersens. went to Albert Lea the next  
Day. Got som Rubber Shoes and Gloves went  
South and Stopped at Jens Christian Jensens  
went the next Day visisted the Trustees  
ingaged the Schoolhouse Stopped at Andstrom  
the had a Daughter in Utah was verry Frichy  
and an Old man ther Linstrome belong to  
Our Grue. the 20 visisted and invited  
to Meeting Stopped near Glans Cremmer  
Preached the Gospel as we went along  
Sunday 21. had <sup>at night</sup> Meeting in the Schoolhouse  
Stopped at Andstroms the next Day had  
a long Conversation at R. Cremmer  
22. went to Jens Eni Jensen Meeting in Even  
23 went to Albert Lea and visitted Sister  
Guldberg. and Spoke to her about the  
Gospel her husband was Baptist

November

went to Clarks Grove and got our Mail  
and stoped at P. P. Frost  
24 wrote some Letters Stopped at the P. O.  
25 went to Albert Lea and went East  
of Albert Lea and appointed a meeting  
had a Talk at Albert Mickelsen a Trustee  
Stopped at Mattis Harrison  
the next Day giv out Notice in Schoolhouse  
and then stoped at Nick Dales  
the next Day visitted some Friends  
Stopped and was wel inter toined at Jensen  
Sunday 28. had a good Meeting in the  
Schoolhouse. had som Opposition after which  
the Denied the Signs. and said even  
if ther was People healed it would be  
don with Soneery. and went back and  
stoped at Andrew Jensen  
the 29 went to Shellrock visitted several  
Places but had no Dinner and People was  
verry Prejudice it took til 9 OClock  
before we found a Place to Stop  
with a Norwegian. at Free Mon



November 30

Had at Meeting at Freeman School  
had a dispute with some Freethinkers  
and stopped at Niels Andersen

December 1 Drove over to Jens Gr. Jensen  
Stopped at Berglund's he was Baptist  
and did not oppose us

December 2 went through Albert La  
and stopped at Olsens 3 miles Southeast  
of Alden he had a Boy that had  
his one foot cut off

Dec 3 went and had a Meeting at Alden  
Schoolhouse & was well attended and a  
Good Spirit prevailed Stopped with a  
Danish Family

on Dec 4 went North of Alden  
engaged the Schoolhouse and stopped  
at Daniel Clark at Charles Town  
he was a Seventh Day Baptist and stood  
hard on Saturday for Sabbath

the next Day Sunday 5 was very  
Stormy we did not get Meeting  
went and stop at Mr. Wagers  
he was a Learned Sensible Man

December

Dec 6 fearful Cold we did not  
go very far but stopped with a Danish  
the 7 snowing. went toward Wells  
stopped at Andersen and Jacobsen Bros.

8 Fearful Cold went through Wells  
and then went and stopped at a German

9 went to Wivirria and stopped at J. Lane  
10 went to Gr Minnesota Lake and stop  
at Oliver Tenney the was not home  
when we came we started a Fire

and the soon came we had a Long  
Talk about Predestination but  
created a very good feeling the  
Girls sang in Evening to amuse us

Dec 11 went to Ambrose Tenneys and  
found Bro Tenney him and Sister Tenney  
started to wash our Cloths we stop  
the next Day Sunday and in the Evening  
Partook of the Sacrament

Dec 13 visited John Goff had a good  
Conversation all the Difference was  
believing in New Revelation and  
Authority from God to administer

December 14 he invited us to come again  
went back from John Guse. Bro  
Mr Tenney, Horses run away and tipped  
the Load of Wood. we helped him to  
Preload Stopped at Mr Tenney's he had  
made his mind up to go to New Mexico  
with Bro Tenney

The next <sup>Sat</sup> Day with Mr Tenney to  
Chapleton and got our mail and  
sent my Alice to Linden  
We went and had Dinner at Mr  
Gilmers She had just got a Baby  
went and Stopped Miracles She was  
Seven Days old. and she did not  
believe in the immortality of the Soul  
Still we spent a very Pleasant Evening  
December 16 took Dinner at Mr Ward

Stopped at Night at Mr Babcock's he  
was friendly did not oppose us, want us  
to come again

Decem 17. went to Tivoli had Dinner  
with a Universalist Stopped at Night  
with my old friend Mr J. L. Engle  
- Centh he was much interested

December  
Dec 19 went to Eagle Lake was to  
Sevenday <sup>Sund</sup> Advent. had Dinner at Mr Hill  
Dec 20 to Methodist Meeting 10. a.m.  
had a good meeting at Temperance  
Hall. had a very Large Meeting  
about 150. and the was very Attentive  
Some Stopped after Meeting the said  
that what we had said was good but  
they wanted hear about Polygami which  
I explained. Stopped at Mr Bunge's  
he was a Lawyer and treated us with  
Respect The next Day went to Mani-  
kato and Jacobson had his Likens took  
went. Johnson the same Evening and Stopped  
at Martin Nielsen's two nights  
had 2 meetings one Danish  
and English Good attendance  
Stopped one night with  
December 24 went to Linden  
Stopped at Bro Hansens The Winter  
turner very hard  
had Meetings every Sunday



Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1881 at Linden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Can meeting in Linden Jens Hansen  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> visited in the Danish  
Settlement Stopped at Hans Jensen  
he said he was glad if anyone would  
come and strengthen him in his own Faith  
but else he was not welcome he did  
not believe it was necessary to have  
any authority to Preach the Gospel  
I told <sup>him</sup> no one had any right to  
administer in the Ordinances of the Gos-  
pel unless he is Called of God

Sunday Jan 9 Meeting Jens Hansen  
10 + 11 Stopped 2 p. m.

Meeting to Niels Larsen at 7 p. m.  
Stopped at Jens Hansens

10 had a Talk with John Sorensen

11 Stopped at Jens Hansens Wrote some letters

12 went to Madelia with Br. Hansen

Got some Clothing Stopped at 2 nights  
at Helga Palmers she had some Faith  
in the Book of Mormon he did not  
believe but treated me friendly

14 Dined at Siver Olsen

Stopped at Hans Javilant had Dancs

15 went to Ole Wiborgs he went away  
for a sled. the was to have a Child  
Christened By Baptism the next Day  
the Daughter was Mather but the was  
suddenly went to be Father

went and stopped at Mr Duncins  
the had just had a Shooting Scarpe  
he was very much interested in our  
visit. he said he believed in the Bible  
but did not want to join any Church  
the Young Folks had tried to severi-  
lize but the did want it and here  
the Old Lady. Fined a Dr. Barrel

Shot gun and the Blood was still to  
be seen on the Snow. I told him  
about my Experience in Albest Sea  
and how Trusted in the Lord  
he said he Trusted in himself as  
God had fooled him in the Grasshopper  
Years I told him he better Try to do  
Gods will and he never would forsake  
him. he could not see that but  
treated us with respect



Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

went 7. Mile and had Meeting in  
Boundy Schoolhouse had good attendance  
and a good Spirit Prevailed

I went home with Mr Grace.

17<sup>th</sup> visited in Connection with Bro.

Jacobson Mrs Halvorson came of  
her Daughters had been to Meeting  
the Day before. the one belonged to  
our Church and the other believed the  
give us seats and the Children treated  
us with respect. the old Lady appro-  
ved us but said we could stop and  
have Dinner but did not want us to come  
because we Deceived her Children.  
I Told her we did not Deceive anyone  
and her Daughter was not Deceived  
we went on without Dinner  
and Stopped at Bro Hansens in the  
Same Evening and Stopped the  
next Same Week

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting at Bro Hansens  
that week I wrote on my Journal Stopped  
Part of the Time to Nels Larsens

Janari 30<sup>th</sup> 1881

Febr

Meeting at Nels Larsens Small At-  
tendance Good Spirit Give a Powerful Testimony  
31 Sister Hansens Sick. took a bad Spell  
in the Evening. but as soon as she was adminis-  
tered to she got well

Febr 1<sup>st</sup> had a Talk with Lewis Jontsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Son Bro Jacobson went over to Norwegian  
Settlement Try to get Meeting but had  
no Success. Stopped at Jens Hansens the rest  
of the Week the Snow Storm was as  
hard on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the was not able  
to water their Stock

Sunday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> meeting J. Hansens  
the 7<sup>th</sup> went to the Post Office but no mail  
Stopped at Mr Fr Evanson he had School  
with his Children in the Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> Dinner at John Sorensen  
Stopped at H. H. Helling he spoke of  
Subscribing for the Bible  
9<sup>th</sup> Stopped at J. Sorensen 10<sup>th</sup> Snow Storm  
11<sup>th</sup> went and got the mail received a Letter  
from home and some Desert Jews  
went to Jens Hansens the Same Evening

Febr 12 - 1881

Stoped at Jens Hansens. Preading

13 th Meeting at Jens Hansens

14 wrote a Letter to President J. Taylor  
went with Bro Jacobson called at Soren  
Pedersen he was not home. his Wife did not  
let us stop. went to the Wells Settlement  
Stoped at Mr Lewis Delest to Legislator  
was kindly received. and bor som Testamony  
15 went to Lack Crystal sent of the Letters

Bro Jacobson went on the Train to Monticel.  
La. and I Broad with to the Svedis Settle.

ment Stoped at Mortensens was kindly received

16 Stoped at O. P. Eriksons had a Long Conver-  
sation about the Restoration of the Gospel

17 Dined at Andrew Swendsen the Belong  
to the Baptist denomination visited some

Stoped at Joseph Petersen. he was marriage  
since I was ther Last with Mons Johnsons

Daughter and his Father had Died  
the was very Religious in their own way

18 had a Long Conversation about the  
Authority ther was Necessary to establi-  
sh in The Principles of the Gospel

Febr 18

went and out the meeting in the  
Scoolhouse for next Sunday

Stoped at Andrew Swendsen had  
a good Conversation and bor Testamony

Febr 19 Dinned at Mons Johnson

Stoped at J. Petersens Mother

20 attended the Baptist Sunday School  
at 11 a. m. Meeting at 2 p. m  
Small Attendance

Stoped O. P. Erikson. had a Long  
Conversation with him and at Swends.

21 went to <sup>Mr</sup> Spoon. Stoped at Mr  
Chace had a Long Conversation  
about the immortality of the Soul

22 visited Boundy and got Promis  
of the Scool house at Lincoln

went to Mrs Halversons it was  
Snow so the want me to Stay til  
Morning all the Children was here  
and we had a Pleasant the Old  
Lady was better possessed than  
usual.

Febr 23<sup>th</sup> 1888:

went to Linden I did see on the  
Road how the work the Snow Plow  
on the Railroad

Dined at Gutterens

Received a letter in the Evening from  
home and wrote and answer the  
same Evening

24 Weather stormy was Preaching at

25 went to the Post Office Stopped  
at Dick's Larsen

26 Preached the Gospel to those went  
to Jens Hansens

27 Stopped at their hair Company on the

28 of Hans Jensens and Lars Sorensen & family  
Warts 1<sup>st</sup> went Hugh Williams in

Canterbury Blue earth Co. was well received

29 went to the Trustees to get the School  
house to hold meeting was well entertained

by Mr Davids he Lead through the  
Woods.. and Mr Lewis and me then had

a Long Conversation and I Contradicted  
many False Proposals and gave Testimony

to the Truth of the Gospel

Marts 2 con

both Mr Davids & Lewis Give their  
Consent I then went to the 3<sup>th</sup> of  
the Trustees Mr Lewis. he was a Methodist  
and said the other 2 was not Church  
members. and he would not Give his  
Consent. nor Give up the Key in his  
Possession but would not say anything  
if the Teacher Give up the Key in his  
possession I Told him I would sooner not  
be a Church member if it made me  
narrow Contracted and Prejudice.

I went then to Richard Jones the was  
very Liberal and entertained me well  
Warts 3<sup>th</sup> went to Judsen  
dined at Beckmans. Stormy  
in the afternoon

Stopped for the Night to Martin  
Nielsen one man came in with a

Team from East of Albert Lea,

4 went and Preach to Mr Nielsen  
took Dinner went with a Team

to the Wells Settlement had supper  
at Mr Paws Stopped at Hugh Williams



Marts 5<sup>th</sup>

made further arrangement for the  
Schoolhouse Dinned at John Williams  
he was a Infidel but like the Spirit  
in Brother Taylors Sermon

I then went to Hugh Williams and  
had a very interesting Talk

Marts 6. Had a very good Meeting  
between 30 or 40 Present had Supper  
to J. Williams Stopped at H. Williams  
I went to Linden received letter  
from my Wife and my Brother  
in Spanish Fork

8 Stopped at Linden

9 Dinned at Anders Knudsen  
Had a Long Disput with him and  
a Irish Kato lick. He don all the  
could to oppose me but truth did  
prevail the Women Children Sisters  
with attention

I Stopped that night at J. Sorensen  
10 went to the Post Office from there  
to Knud H. Helling and as he was  
not home. I went to Madelia

Marts 10

met a funeral on the Road  
had a Short Talk with Knud H. Helling  
Dinned near the Depot Got the Agent  
to writ for a half fare Permit  
went 3 Miles East of Madelia  
Giv out a meeting for next Sunday  
in School in Bannock Schoolhouse  
went to Mrs Haldersons the Children  
was all preparing to go to Madelia  
to Dons. He invited me to Supper  
but the Old Lady was not willing  
I should stop all night. I went  
to 4 Different Places before I got  
Privilege to stop. I Stopped at  
C. Tiquens the was 3 Bachelors  
and had a girl to keep House the  
was Lutheran and did not wish  
to hear anything about the Gospel  
Marts 11 went Back to Haldersons  
it was a very heavy Snow Storm  
I helped to keep the Snow off the  
Loft. He intertained me well  
and I Stopped the Next Day

Marts 13

had Meeting to Mrs Halvorsen in the Forenoon. exchanged Licknes with Kelly Halverson took Dinner and went to Schoolhouse in Snow to my knee. there was no Meeting

Went Mr Chase had Conversation with and Adventist. took Supper and went to Mr Boundys he was not home when I came. the Children showed me their Cards. when Mr Boundy and Wife came home I was well received and the united with me in Prayer

14 went to Mr Flaycraft. and then went and stoped to Mr Guttergens

15 went to Jens Hansens

16. Stoped and fixed my Walice and Wrot a Letter to Bro Andersen

17 Drove East with Brother Hansens the Road was every lead with Snow and a truck so he went back I went and stoped at

Mr Redfield went down to Hugh Dr. Williams Cambria Bluearth Co The 18 him and Wife said they want to be

Marts 18

Bablical the next Day Drove with their Theme up to Meeting to